GMA Goals

GMA plans and regulations are to be guided by 14 goals that are summarized below:

- Focus urban growth in urban areas.
- Reduce sprawl.
- Provide efficient transportation.
- Encourage affordable housing.
- Encourage sustainable economic development.
- Protect property rights.
- Process permits in a timely and fair manner.
- Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries.
- Retain open space and habitat areas and develop recreation opportunities.
- Protect the environment.
- Encourage citizen participation and regional coordination.
- Ensure adequate public facilities and services.
- Preserve important historic resources.
- Manage shorelines wisely.

